



## Minutes of Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2020 9:00 a.m.  
Online/call-in Zoom Meeting due to Covid-19

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A regular meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (“**LEPC**”) of Yuma County, was held and duly called to order at 9:00 am by LEPC Chairman Mike Erfert. Recording of official minutes is Stephanie Booher.

**Roll call** (self-introductions were made)

### Members Present:

Jillian Attaway, Group 2	Mario Avalos, Helena Chemical, Group 5
Tony Badilla, YCOEM, Group 2	Don Brazie, YRMC, Group 2
Johnie Ehrlich for Michael Callahan, Gowan, Group 5	Louie Carlos, Somerton Fire Dept, Group 2
Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire, Group 2	Jeff Denman, Citizen, Group 4
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire, Group 2	Dustin Fields, Yuma Fire, Group 2
Michael Fila, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2	Bryon Green, USBR, Group 2
Susanna Hitchcock, City of Yuma, Group 2	Steve Irr, City of Yuma, Group 2
Brandi Brookins for Shelley Kreger, YCIPTA, Group 2	Enrique Lopez, San Luis Fire, Group 2
Andrea Mitchell, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2	Lawrence Ornellas, Yuma Cogeneration Assoc., Group 5
John Reid, USBR, Group 2	Andrew Ricker, SW Gas, Group 2
Cori Schultz, Rural Metro Fire, Group 2	David Slade, Yuma Cogeneration Assoc., Group 5
Lynn Harlow-Smith, PHEP, Group 2	Tina Whisenant, YRMC, Group 2
Rusty William, USBR, Group 2	

Guests were introduced:

Moises Alvarez, Wellton	Kimberlee Battaglia, APS
Shirley Dalton, YACS	Biancia Feldkircker, NOAA
Michael Hammarstrom, AZDEMA	Jaime Hernandez, ADEQ
Michele Martinez, AZDEQ	Robert Oberosler, YCSO
Nancy Tucker, AirMedCare Network	

Chairman Erfert confirmed a quorum was present and declared the meeting rightfully assembled.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Copies of the Minutes from the February 13, 2020 LEPC meeting were distributed and individually reviewed by the committee. A request was made to approve the minutes by

Chairman Mike Erfert –Motion to approve was made by Paul DeAnda and seconded by Dustin Fields. All in favor, none opposed.

### ***MEMBERSHIP STATUS***

Chairman Mike Erfert reviewed the membership status for renewals and determined that there are no memberships up for renewal for this meeting.

A request was made to approve new member applications by Chairman Mike Erfert.

- Motion to approve Don Brazie and John Reid was made by Andrew Ricker and seconded by Tony Badilla. All in favor, none opposed.

A request was made to approve the removal of the following members by Chairman Mike Erfert.

- Motion to remove John Hannon, Mike Kemp, Tito Valenzuela, John Allen, John Smith, Ann Farley, and Mark Hutsell was made by Tony Badilla and seconded by Mike Erfert. All in favor, none opposed.

### ***CHAIRMAN REPORT:***

Chairman Mike Erfert reported the Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days were held for Public Safety on Wednesday 2/19/20 and General industry and first responders on Thursday 2/20/20.

He thanked Tony Badilla and Stephanie Booher for their work on updating the membership roster.

### ***TREASURERS REPORT:***

Funding received for the FFY20/21.

<u>\$13,000.00</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
5,000.00	Ammonia Days
4,000.00	NASTTPO Conference
2,000.00	HAZ-Mat IAFC International Conference
2,000.00	LEPC-Hazardous Material Response Plan Update

Stephanie Booher reported the breakdown of FY19/20 funds of \$12,500 in which \$5,000 was spent for Ammonia Safety Days and \$1,503.78 was spent for Tony Badilla to attend the mid-year NASTTPO conference in Houston, TX. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the remaining amount of \$5,996.22 had to be returned.

### ***COORDINATORS REPORT:***

Tony Badilla thanked Michele Martinez for all her hard work and for sharing changes that are being made to some of the following state statutes that apply to LEPC:

- 49-125 Emergency Response Plan
  - Change the Fire Response
  - Changes to the Haz-mat Plan and responsibilities
- 49-124 By-Laws
  - Change to remove a member missing 1 meeting to 3 meetings
  - Voting members to elect an alternate in their absence
  - Change meeting date from Thursday to Tuesday

Stephanie will send out the documents for everyone to review.

Tony submitted a grant request for the Emergency Response Funds to assist with Hazmat Response. The official approval letter has not yet been received.

The new 2020 Emergency Response Guide (ERG) books were distributed to all agencies within Yuma County. The 2016 books may be discarded.

An additional \$10,540 HMEP funds were awarded to send 3 Fire Hazmat Techs to the Ammonia Safety Training Institute to be held in May or June.

Tony stated the Hazmat Tech course that was scheduled to take place last March was postponed to March 2021 due to Covid-19.

Tony stated there is training funds left that need expended before the end of the year. Half of those funds went to Cochise County and the remaining funds are set aside for Tucson Fire to send four (4) instructors to Yuma for Above Ground Technical Rescue.

Tony suggested extending the role of Chairman (Mike Erfert) and Vice-Chairman (Louie Carlos) for the 2021 year since the LEPC hasn't met due to Covid-19 and will re-elect December 2021.

- Motion for Mike Erfert to remain as Chair and Louie Carlos to remain as Vice-Chair for the 2021 year was made by Paul DeAnda and seconded by Tony Badilla. All in favor, none opposed.

#### ***PRESENTATION:***

No presentation for this meeting.

#### ***GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

##### ***OLD BUSINESS-***

Mike Erfert-Early November the DEMA instructors will be doing some virtual training.

##### ***NEW BUSINESS-***

Dustin Fields-Feds will be outlawing the class B foam as of January 2021, therefore need to find something that is not considered hazardous.

Michele Martinez -

- ERF letters will go out by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- LEPC workshop Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00-2:30.
  - Open meeting laws do's and don'ts
  - Discussion on the discontinued foam
- AZSERC Commission meeting Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30.
  - ADOT & DPS contact to assist LEPC's with their EM Plan regarding hazardous material
- Michele will oversee the LEPC roster to ensure compliance.

- Must have 50% of voting members or their alternate present to hold the meeting.
- Anyone can be sent in person or by phone as an alternate as long as it is noted in the minutes.
- Michele is creating an online training module for the open meeting laws for HMEP processes

Jeff Denman-Hazardous waste will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month and it is by appointment only. The limit is 50 cars per event and will be held at the Yuma County Public Works Dept. and they must unload themselves.

Jaime Hernandez-

- If not receiving the air quality forecast from ADEQ need to go into ADEQ website and subscribe again.
- Ozone and PM10 obtainment main contact is Paul Melcher.

Bianca Feldkircher-

- Preparing virtual roadshow presentations for southwest Arizona and southeast California.
- If interested in receiving direct support from the weather service you may contact Jaret Rogers at [jaret.rogers@noaa.gov](mailto:jaret.rogers@noaa.gov)

Johnny for (Michael Callahan)-Gowan Milling had a booth set up for Pollution Prevention week.

### ***CALL TO THE PUBLIC-***

None

### ***ADJOURN***

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2020 via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Booher,  
Emergency Management Assistant, Yuma County OEM